

## EXCRETION

The workers  
cover the bathroom stall walls  
with messages  
calling each other rat finks  
who suck the cock  
or lick the ass  
of the boss.  
They call each other faggots and niggers and kikes  
and Buddaheads and donkeys.  
They use knifetips to carve  
KKKs and swastikas  
and "Kill the Jews" into the wood of the stalls,  
leaving unsigned threats about meeting each other  
outside the plant gate —  
while out on the shop floor  
they smile at each other  
and work together  
cheerfully,  
fully relieved by their stints  
in the bathroom.

## THE VICE-PRESIDENT GIVES HIS MONTHLY SHOP TALK

The vice-president smiles  
and wants the machinists to smile,  
as he holds the company jackhammers  
up into the air,  
but the machinists are not paid to smile.  
They do not give a fuck about the company  
jackhammers  
and he knows it.  
He knows it  
and they know that he knows it  
and he knows that they know that he knows it.  
He holds the company jackhammers  
up into the air  
and talks  
as if he were really excited and delighted  
about the way the company jackhammers break up concrete.

And he knows that the machinists know  
that this is the one time each month  
when their jobs look a lot better than his.